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Worldwide directors get grants

Cinereach awards over \$250,000

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Socially conscious nonprofit org Cinereach has awarded \$252,500 in grants, most of which will go to films being made across the globe. Individual project grants ranged from \$10,000 to \$35,000 include:

- "Blood Feud," helmer Joshua Marston's feature about Albania through the eyes of a 17-year-old;
- "Darling, Something's Wrong With Your Head," Susan Youssef's Gaza-based love story;
- "Kuichi," Maiko Endo's narrative about a biracial boy growing up in Okinawa;
- "Pariah," Dee Rees' narrative about a teen in the Bronx;
- "Marmato," Mark Grieco's docu about gold miners in Colombia during a corporate takeover;
- "The Patron Saints," Brian Cassidy and Melanie Shatzky's docu exploring a nursing home;
- "Watchers of the Sky," Edet Belzberg's docu on genocide;
- helmer Alistair Banks Griffin's untitled road movie about two brothers;
- an untitled project from "Man Push Cart" helmer Ramin Bahrani.

Also receiving a grant this year was Mark Rosenberg's Rooftop Films 2009 Summer Series, a 44-night-long outdoor film screening series slated for this summer in Gotham.

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